

**REMARKS**

After the foregoing amendments, claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 21, 22, 25 and 31-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20.

**Conclusion**

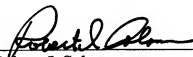
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20 is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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